


REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the care taken in acting on this application with the paper mailed April 7, 2004. Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 154-168, 170-181, 211 and 212 are allowable. Applicants have now canceled claim 184-198, 200-210, 215 and 216. The Examiner has rejected these claims over Bergman, Ehrenkranz, May et al., and Foster et al. Applicants traverse this rejection and reserve the right to argue the patentability of these claims in an appropriately filed continuation application. Allowance of all claims pending herein is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Date: June 1, 2004


John J. Gresens
Reg. No. 33,112

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE